

J 510.9252 Sh

Shetterly, Margot Lee. **Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race** Explores the previously unrecognized yet pivotal contributions of Black female mathematicians to the fledgling National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Gr. 3-6

J 796.35764 Ne

Nelson, Kadir. **We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball.** Kadir's gorgeous paintings accompany this tribute to the history of Negro League baseball, which offered African Americans an opportunity to play ball and earn a decent living when opportunities to do so were scarce. Gr. 3+

J 811.54 Br

Bryan, Ashley. **Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life.** Original slave auction and plantation estate documents contrast the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away. Gr. 3-6

J 920.00929 Bo

Bolden, Tonya. **Pathfinders: The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls.** This collective biography shares the stories of 16 diverse American men and women of African descent who made their mark on American history in the 18th to 20th centuries. Gr. 5+

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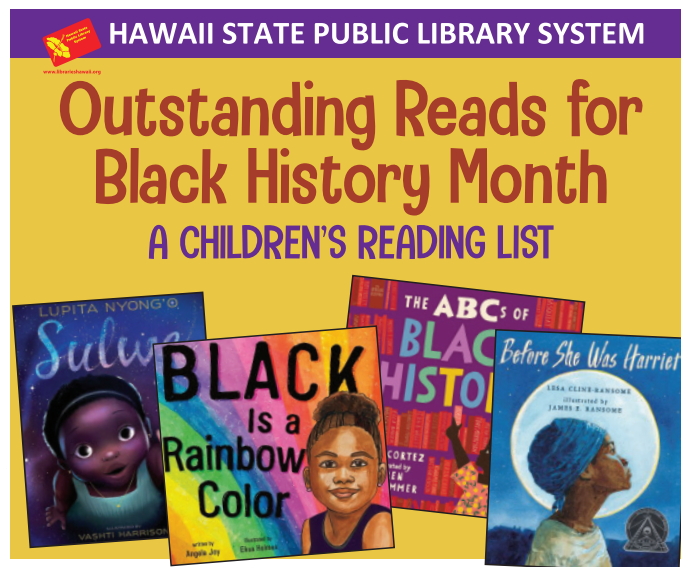
Smith, Charles R., Jr. **28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World.** Includes tributes to many of the men and women who revolutionized life for Black Americans throughout history, from Crispus Attucks to Barack Obama. Gr. 2-4

J 973.0496 Co

Cortez, Rio. **ABCs of Black History.** B is for a Book that takes a Bold journey through the alphabet of Black history and culture. A celebration of continents and centuries, triumph and heartbreak, creativity and joy. Gr. K-3

J 973.0496 Ha

Hannah-Jones, Nicole. **The 1619 Project: Born on the Water.** When a Black child feels shame surrounding a family tree assignment, her parents and grandparents offer what the author's notes call "a proud origin story," which describes the child's ancestors in West Africa. Gr. 1-4



PICTURE BOOKS

E Co

Copeland, Misty. **Firebird.** In her debut picture book, Misty Copeland tells the story of a young girl whose confidence is fragile and who is questioning her own ability to reach the heights that Misty has reached. Misty encourages this young girl's faith in herself and shows her exactly how, through hard work and dedication, she too can become Firebird. Gr. 1-5

E Gi

Giddens, Rhiannon. **Build a House.** Giddens' song commemorating the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth tells the story of a slave family's determination to build their own home. Gr. K-3

E He

Henderson, Leah. **A day for rememberin' : inspired by the true events of the first Memorial Day.** In Charleston, South Carolina, in 1865, ten-year-old Eli and other newly freed slaves gather to honor the memory of fallen Union soldiers, an event considered to be one of the first celebrations of what is now called Memorial Day. Gr. 1-4

E Jo

Joy, Angela. **Black is a Rainbow Color.** A beautiful celebration of Black culture for young children. Includes historical and cultural notes, a song list, and three poems. Pre-K-Gr. 3

E Ne

Nelson, Vaunda M. **The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore.** Relates the story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, founded in Harlem in 1939, as seen from the perspective of Louis Micheaux Jr., who met famous men like Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X while helping there. Gr. 2-4

E Ny

Nyong'o, Lupita. **Sulwe.** When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but a shooting star's tale of the sisters Night and Day helps her understand there is beauty and worth in every shade. Pre-K-Gr. 3



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E We
Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Standing in the Need of Prayer.** The popular spiritual has been reworked to chronicle the milestones, struggles, tragedies, and triumphs of African American people and their history. The text and illustrations of this inspirational book are informative reminders of yesterday, hopeful images for today, and aspirational dreams of tomorrow. Gr. 1-4

FICTION

J Fic Alexander (Newbery)
Alexander, Kwame. **The Crossover.** Twelve-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. Gr. 4+

J Fic Curtis
Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963.** The Watson family heads south to Birmingham, Alabama to visit Grandma and happen to be there when a church is bombed. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Draper
Draper, Sharon M. **Stella by Starlight.** With the knowledge that the Ku Klux Klan is active in their community, Stella, her family, and other members of their community band together to stand strong against the injustices of racism in Depression-era North Carolina. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Johnson
Johnson, Varian. **The Parker Inheritance.** Candice finds a letter describing an injustice that happened decades ago, a mystery, and the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. The challenge leads deep into a history of ugly deeds, forgotten heroes, one great love, and unspoken secrets. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Moses
Moses, Sheila P. **We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963.** Determined to stand up for their rights, 11-year-old Rufus and his friends participate in the 1963 civil rights protests in Birmingham, Alabama. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Reynolds
Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost.** Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle-school track team, but his past is slowing him down. Gr. 5-9

BIOGRAPHY

J B Basquiat St (Caldecott)
Steptoe, Javaka. **Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat.** Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. Gr. 1-5

J B Bridges Br
Bridges, Ruby. **I Am Ruby Bridges.** Ruby Bridges tells her story and shares the momentous day in 1960 when she became the first Black child to integrate an all-white elementary school, a landmark moment in our civil rights history. Gr. K-3
J B Carver Bo

Bolden, Tonya. **George Washington Carver.** Tells the fascinating story of the scientist, born into slavery, whose affectionate nicknames included the Wizard of the Goober and the Yam. An absorbing look at the Peanut Man from his tragic separation from his mother in childhood to his devotion to finding new uses for farm by-products. Gr. 4-7

J B Coleman Gr
Grimes, Nikki. **Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman.** Bessie Coleman, the first African American female pilot, overcame obstacles of poverty, racism, and gender discrimination to achieve her goals. Gr. 2-6

J B Douglass My
Myers, Walter Dean. **Frederick Douglass: The Lion who Wrote History.** A picture book biography of Frederick Douglass, a leader of the abolitionist movement, writer, speaker, and social reformer. Gr. 2-5

J B Green Bo
Bolden, Tonya. **Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book.** An engaging nonfiction picture book about the Green Book, a travel guide made to help African Americans stay safe when traveling during segregation in the United States. Gr. K-4

J B Marshall Ma
Magoon, Kekla. **The Highest Tribute: Thurgood Marshall's Life, Leadership, and Legacy.** Thurgood Marshall's determination to make all Americans equal under the law led him to the Supreme Court. But to get to the highest court in the land, Thurgood had to make space for himself every step of the way. Pre-K-Gr. 3

J B Parks Gi
Giovanni, Nikki. **Rosa.** Powerful words and illustrations offer a moving interpretation of Rosa Parks's momentous refusal to give up her bus seat, a courageous act of civil disobedience. Gr. 3-5

J B Tubman Cl
Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Before she was Harriet.** A poem that begins with the elderly Tubman takes the reader back through her life as a suffragist, abolitionist, Union spy, nurse, conductor of the underground railroad, and slave. Gr. K-4

NON-FICTION

J 323.092 Ki
King, Martin Luther, Jr. **I Have A Dream.** An illustrated edition of Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Includes an audio CD of the original speech. Gr. K-6

J 398.2 Ha
Hamilton, Virginia. **The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales.** Retells 24 Black American folktales that convey humor, mystery, and most powerfully, the human need for freedom. Gr. 4-7